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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: G-2 action in Artichoke Matter

1. On 24 January 1952, it was agreed at a meeting of the IAC designees for Project Artichoke that the problem should be submitted to the Committee on Medical Sciences, Research and Development Board, for study and recommendation. Those present at the meeting were:

CIA -

Army -

Navy -

Air Force -

2. A draft of a memorandum from the DGI to the Secretary of Defense asking for the services of the Committee on Medical Sciences, Research and Development Board for this problem was circulated within CIA and concurred in by O/SI, O/PC, O/SO and I&SO.

3. On 30 January 1952, the draft was shown to the IAC designees noted above who concurred in principle but desired to study it further for minor changes and briefing of their Chiefs.

4. At the same time the draft was checked with the Office of Secretary of Defense (Lt. Col. _____) and the Research and Development Board (Dr. _____). They approved of the idea and indicated favorable action when the final memorandum was received.

5. On 4 February 1952, a second meeting was held at which time the G-2 representative asked for more time to do further checking in G-2. Subsequently, the Air Force and Navy concurred in principle subject to certain minor changes to be discussed when the Army was ready.

6. On 15 February 1952, the G-2 representative advised that he had been reversed and G-2 was sending the paper to the JIC for study by one of their subcommittees rather than the RDB.

7. The action of the Department of the Army is a violation of _____ in that the papers were marked "EXCLUDED" and were given to _____

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their designee in order that he might suggest changes in content and brief his Chief.

8. The action of the Department of the Army disrupts a carefully planned and otherwise well-coordinated attempt to obtain badly needed technical advice and guidance for Project Artichoke.

9. Unless the Department of the Army is over-ruled in this matter, CIA will lose control of Project Artichoke and also will lose the respect and confidence of those in the Navy, Air Force and Office of Secretary of Defense who are trying sincerely to help us in the project. The damage to the security of the Project because of its referral to individuals in JIC who have not been briefed on the matter cannot be over estimated.

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